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### Former General Manager Sentenced in Coliseum Case

A former general manager was sentenced today for his role in the 2012 Coliseum embezzlement and bribery case, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Patrick Lynch, 60, was placed on probation for three years by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy.

Lynch pleaded guilty to one felony count of conflict of interest five years ago. He paid \$385,000 in restitution and performed 1,500 hours of community service as part of the plea deal.

Deputy District Attorney Terrie Tengelsen of the Public Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

Lynch and ex-events manager Todd DeStefano, 44, were charged along with three others in an indictment alleging the pair were involved in a variety of schemes that siphoned money from the stadium.

Lynch resigned as general manager in February 2011.

DeStefano was sentenced in September 2016 to six months in county jail and placed on formal probation for three years after pleading no contest to a felony count of conflict of interest. He also was ordered to pay \$500,000.

Co-defendants and music promoters Pasquale Rotella and Reza Gerami, both 42, were ordered to pay \$150,000 and \$30,000 respectively after each man pleaded no contest to misdemeanor conflict of interest. Each man also was placed on summary probation for three years.

In total, the defendants have agreed to pay more than \$1 million to Los Angeles County taxpayers.

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